

LISTING OF CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1-5. (canceled).

6. (currently amended): A male terminal fitting comprising:

a plate-shaped contact protrusion formed at one side of said male terminal fitting for mating with a female terminal fitting; and

a conductor clamping portion located at the other side of said male terminal fitting for clamping a conductor of ~~[[en]]~~ an electric wire;

wherein said plate-shaped contact protrusion includes a base plate component longitudinally extending from said conductor clamping portion in an elongated plate shape, a first overlapping fold plate component laterally extending from one side of said base plate component and folded in one direction toward the other end of said base plate component to overlap with said base plate component, and a second overlapping fold plate component which extends from said first overlapping fold plate component at a position close to the other end of said base plate component and which is folded back in another direction opposed to said one direction to overlap with said first overlapping fold plate component; and

wherein said first overlapping fold plate component serves as a flatness securing plate component to ensure flatness conditions of said base plate component and said second overlapping fold plate component.

7. (currently amended): The male type terminal fitting according to claim 6, wherein:

~~said plate-shape contact segment~~ plate-shaped contact protrusion has a distal end formed with a guide portion composed of substantially rectangular protrusions which are bent toward one another.

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8. (currently amended): The male terminal fitting according to claim 6, wherein:

said base plate component and said first and second overlapping fold plate components are formed into a substantially S-shaped shape ~~in~~ cross section.

9. (currently amended): The male terminal fitting according to claim 6, wherein:

said plate-shaped contact protrusion has a distal end formed with a tapered guide portion.

10-14. (canceled).

15. (currently amended): A male terminal fitting comprising:
plate-shaped contact means formed at one side of said male terminal fitting for mating with a female terminal fitting; and

conductor clamping means located at the other side of said male ~~type~~ terminal fitting for clamping a conductor of an electric wire;

wherein said plate-shaped contact means includes base means longitudinally extending from said conductor clamping means in an elongated plate shape, first overlapping fold means laterally extending from one side of said base means and folded in one direction toward the other end of said base means to overlap with said base means, and second overlapping fold means which extends from said first overlapping fold means at a position close to the other end of said base means and which is folded back in another direction opposed to said one direction to overlap with said first overlapping fold means; and

wherein said first overlapping fold means serves as flatness securing means to ensure flatness conditions of said base means and said second overlapping fold means.

16. (canceled).

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17. (canceled).

18. (canceled).

19. (canceled).

20. (currently amended) A male terminal fitting comprising:
a plate-shaped contact protrusion formed at one side of said male terminal fitting for mating with a female terminal fitting; and
a conductor clamping portion located at the other side of said male terminal fitting for clamping a conductor of an electric wire;
wherein said plate-shaped contact protrusion includes a base plate component longitudinally extending from said conductor clamping portion in an elongated plate shape, a first overlapping fold plate component laterally extending from one side of said base plate component and folded in one direction toward the other end of said base plate component to overlap with said base plate component, and a second overlapping fold plate component which extends from the other end of said base plate component and which is folded back in another direction opposed to said one direction to overlap with said base plate component;
wherein said base plate component serves as a flatness securing plate component to ensure flatness conditions of said first and second overlapping fold plate components; and
wherein said base plate component and said first and second overlapping fold plate components are formed into a substantially S-shaped shape ~~in~~ cross section.

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